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February 1, 2006

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Middlefield  
P.O. Box 328  
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Re: Petition of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Middlefield pursuant to  
G.L. c. 159, § 24, regarding the quality of Verizon's telephone service,  
D.T.E. 06-6

Dear Selectmen:

Please be advised that your letter dated January 17, 2006, regarding Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon") has been received by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") and has been docketed as D.T.E. 06-6. Any information you provide the Department in this matter should reference this docket number. I have been appointed by the Department as the Hearing Officer on the case.

We anticipate holding the public hearing during a weekday evening to encourage attendance by community members. We also would like to hold the public hearing at a time and location convenient to your community. At your convenience, please contact me at 617-305-3561 to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,

/s/

Carol M. Pieper  
Hearing Officer

cc: Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Jack Conroy, Verizon Massachusetts